



GCC of PTAs Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Guilford County Council of PTAs board was held on April 8, 2021 and called to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

In attendance

Mildred O. Poole, President; Victoria Vample, VP1; Paula Jarrell, VP 2; LaTashia Moore, Treasurer; Eric Townsend, Secretary; Debbie Sivret, chair of the Awards Committee; Byron Gladden, Member At Large; B.J. Levette, Member At Large

Social & Emotional Learning

Mildred Poole recited the poem "I Know Something Good About You."

Approval of Minutes

The board voted unanimously to approve meeting minutes from March 11, 2021, after Jacqui Hawkins moved to approve and Victoria Vample seconded. No corrections or amendments were put forward.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in GCCPTA's bank account as of April was \$2,331.45. Credits to the account include a donation and dues from Union Hill Elementary School. Debits were charges to GoDaddy for the website and a service charge. Checks were distributed to Joshua Leeper (\$566.83) for GCS Volunteer gifts, Felicia Andrews (\$135.96) for reimbursements related to the Reflections program, and LaTashia Moore (\$89.67) for reimbursements related to the Reflections program. The report was unanimously approved as presented (Debbie Sivret moved for approval, BJ Levette seconded.)

New Business

- No new business was discussed.

Board Reports

- President Mildred Poole reminded the board of an email that was sent out to GCCPTA newsletter recipients with links to Zoom registration pages for upcoming events. She also shared that Linda Wilson had previously been appointed by Superintendent Sharon Contreras as the liaison between the GCCPTA and the Guilford County Schools. Mildred explained that in previous years, a member of the Board of Education served as a liaison directly to the school board; however, the previous GCCPTA president had requested a system liaison be appointed by Sharon Contreras. Mildred Poole said that she recognized this is not how the process historically has taken place and that whoever is elected president of the GCCPTA in May will have the authority to return to the previous arrangement. She also shared that she had received much positive feedback about the Reflections celebration hosted by the GCCPTA on Tuesday, April 6, which was a rescheduled event due to weather in March. Mildred said that LaTashia

Moore and Felicia Andrews had made arrangements for the top Reflections winners to be showcased on GCSTV.

- Treasurer LaTashia Moore, as chair of the Reflections Committee, offered additional observations about the 2020-21 Reflections celebration. LaTashia said that she was the one who was solely responsible for contacting GCS about showcasing winners on its cable channel. LaTashia said that she felt Mildred Poole had made decisions about the program, including the date and time of the celebration of winners, that she never would have recommended because of her own family commitments on certain days of the week. LaTashia said she felt Mildred was “taking everything from me and you’re putting it like Ms. Felicia did everything,” a sentiment that LaTashia said she did not appreciate. Mildred replied to LaTashia’s remarks by expressing appreciation for the candor and clarifying that she had asked LaTashia about bringing Felicia Andrews onboard to assist during a visit Mildred made to LaTashia’s home earlier in the year. LaTashia replied “OK.”
- VP1 Victoria Vample said she had nothing to report.
- VP2 Paula Jarrell, as chair of the S.P.I.C.E. Grants program, reported that plans remain in place for an April 22 Zoom event, in coordination with the next GCCPTA general meeting, to announce recipients of the most recent S.P.I.C.E. Awards. Paula coordinated with B.J. Levette and Byron Gladden about meeting no later than April 20 to discuss final decisions on grant recipients. After finalizing recipients, Paula said, she would need to visit the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro to have checks produced. Representatives from recipient schools would also be invited to the April 22 GCCPTA general meeting. Mildred Poole followed Paula Jarrell’s remarks to remind the board to be present no later than 6:30 on April 22 to establish a quorum for business to quickly be conducted.
- Awards Committee Chair Debbie Sivret reported that representatives from a few school PTAs had taken part in an April 7 training for completing nominations as part of the GCCPTA’s 2021 awards program scheduled for May 27. Award nominations are due April 30. Debbie reported that Christy Bryson and Felicia Andrews are assisting with the program and that the committee is currently looking at an outdoor option at Barber Park for the awards program, which would be wrapped into the final GCCPTA general meeting of the academic year. A possible theme for the 2021 awards program is “Stars of our Schools” and Debbie Sivret indicated she was working with All About Awards on pricing. The committee is still looking for volunteers to assist with judging. Debbie said the volunteers would ideally have knowledge of PTAs and educational standards but that it isn’t a requirement. The timing of the program is still being decided.
- Nominating Committee Chair Jacqui Hawkins reported having received five nominations to date for officer elections to serve the GCCPTA in 2021-22. The only position for which she has no nominations is treasurer.
- Secretary Eric Townsend reported that he would be in touch with LaTashia Moore to coordinate plans for posting Reflections work onto the GCCPTA website and publicizing the work more broadly.
- Member at Large B.J. Levette indicated he had nothing to report.
- Member at Large Byron Gladden reported speaking with parents and students about mixed emotions – some relief, some anxiety – at the prospect of returning to in-person learning five days each beginning April 19. He suggested thinking of ways to communicate with audiences to develop positive mindsets about returning.

Additional Information

- Mildred Poole shared that Union Hill Elementary School was in the process of selecting PTA officers. She anticipated officers being in place no later than April 15.
- Paula Jarrell shared that she is still working with Gate City Charter and that a new treasurer there said she would soon be mailing a check for dues.

Events

- April 15 is the deadline for nominations to serve as a GCCPTA officer in 2021-22.
- April 22 is the next general GCCPTA meeting where Paula Jarrell will lead the recognition of S.P.I.C.E. Award honorees.
- May 27 is the upcoming date for GCCPTA's annual awards celebration.

Adjournment

Byron Gladden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. BJ Levette seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Secretary

Date of approval